

PACIFIC SURFLINER DESTINATION GUIDE

Here's something to help you find a destination related to a particular field of study. The Destination Guide also includes the related letter designation(s) next to each city and the locations.

ART (A)

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- Solana Beach
- Ventura

HISTORY (H)

- Camarillo
- Carpinteria
- Los Angeles
- Oceanside
- San Diego
- San Juan Capistrano
- Ventura

CULTURAL STUDIES

(C)

- Camarillo
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- Oceanside
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SCIENCE (S)

- Carpinteria
- Oxnard
- Santa Barbara
- San Diego

ENTERTAINMENT (E)

- Los Angeles
- San Diego

DESTINATION GUIDE

Several venues offer special discounts and some are only open during a part of the program period – you are encouraged to call them for details before planning your trip.

Need transportation to and from the station once you reach your desired destination? Some school districts may be able to meet your need using their buses with certain limitations. Ask your transportation director or call the school district at your destination for more information.

Check the Study Guide (on the preceding page) for information about the letter symbols.

ANAHEIM

The **Anaheim** Amtrak station is a staffed station located near the Anaheim Stadium parking lot at 2150 E. Katella.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, contact the Anaheim/Orange County Convention and Visitor Bureau at **(714) 765-8888** or visit **www.anaheimoc.org**.

BURBANK

The **Burbank** Amtrak station is located adjacent to historic Bob Hope Burbank Airport is an unstaffed station. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Van Nuys.

CAMARILLO (C)(H)

The **Camarillo** Amtrak station is unstaffed and is located at 30 Lewis Road. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard.

Historic **Camarillo Ranch (C)(H)** is located at 201 Camarillo Ranch Road – about a fifteen-minute walk from the Camarillo Amtrak station. Once the center of a working 10,000-acre ranch, the current 4½ acre property features docent-led tours of the Adolfo Camarillo House Museum (an 1892 Victorian home), the barn and stables. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the tree shaded picnic area, expansive lawns and garden areas. Restrooms are available. There is an admission fee and reservations are required. For more information call **(805) 389-8182** or visit their website at **www.ci.camarillo.ca.us/cultural/cityweb.html**

CARPINTERIA (C)(H)(S)

The **Carpinteria** Amtrak station is an unstaffed station located at 475 Linden Avenue. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Santa Barbara.

Carpinteria State Beach (S) is located less than ½ mile from the station at 5361 6th Street. It features the finest examples of inner tidal life and is one of a few easily accessible tidal pools in California. A fee may be charged for ranger-led tours. Advanced reservations for access to the area are required. Call **(805) 684-2811** for more information.

The **Carpinteria Valley Historical Museum (C)(H)** is located about 6 blocks from the station at 956 Maple Avenue. Exhibits reflect the three main cultures that settled the area: Chumash Indians, the Spanish and Mexican period, and the American pioneers. Reservations are required for groups. Call **(805) 684-3112** for more information.

The **Salt Marsh Nature Park (S)** is a wetlands park located about 3 blocks from the station. The entrance is at the intersection of Ash Avenue and 3rd Street. The park is home to more than 20 rare plants and animals, some of which are endangered. Docent-guided programs are available and reservations are required for tours. Call **(805) 684-5405 extension 449**.

For more information about other attractions and special events, call the Chamber of Commerce at **(805) 684-5479** or visit **www.carpchamber.org/events.html** for a calendar of events.

FILLMORE (AG)(C)(E)(H)(S)

The **Fillmore** Amtrak Thruway bus stop is unstaffed, located in front of the International House of Pancakes at 718 Ventura Street (junction of California Highways 23 and 126). There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard. Restaurant staff should not be expected to provide details of Amtrak train or Thruway bus schedules.

The **Fillmore & Western Railway Company** features an antique full-sized train that takes students, teachers and parents on an educational, historical trip back in time. During the trip, the train travels west through the 1901 trestle bridge over the seasonal Sespe River, back through a working railyard on its journey to the state run **Fillmore** Fish Hatchery. The State of California Fish and Wildlife Department operates the venue where literally millions of trout are grown and raised each year. Rangers demonstrate the feeding routine and occasionally a vacuum truck is seen suctioning the trout from their long, narrow canals into a truck that then transports them to local lakes and streams. Bring plenty of quarters to purchase fish food, and watch as you see a real “feeding frenzy”. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy under the trees on the grass in Central Park, which is adjacent to the railroad tracks in downtown **Fillmore**. An educational, informational kiosk is also in Central Park that features a video presentation on the California Condor, which are at home in the Sespe Wilderness, just north of Fillmore. Advance reservations are required for the train trip – call (805) 524-2546 or visit www.fwry.com. **All aboard for fun and adventure!**

For more information about attractions and special events in Fillmore, please call the Chamber of Commerce at (805) 524-0351 or visit www.fillmorechamber.org for a calendar of events.

FULLERTON

The **Fullerton** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 120 E. Santa Fe Avenue.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the Chamber of Commerce at (714) 871-3100 or visit their website at www.fullerton.org.

GROVER BEACH

The **Grover Beach** Amtrak station is unstaffed, located at 150 Highway 1 (at Grand Avenue). There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in San Luis Obispo.

GUADALUPE

The **Guadalupe** Amtrak station is unstaffed, located at 330 Guadalupe Street (Highway 1). There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in San Luis Obispo.

IRVINE

The **Irvine** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 15215 Barranca Street.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the Chamber of Commerce at (949) 660-9112 or visit their website at www.irvinechamber.com.

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LOS ANGELES (A)(C)(E)(H)

Los Angeles Union Station, at 800 N. Alameda Street, is a major railroad terminal for Amtrak, Metrolink and L.A. Metrorail's Red and Gold lines.

Please note that Amtrak Thruway bus service cannot be used solely for transportation to another Thruway stop – your trip must include travel aboard an Amtrak train (40-passenger group minimum).

Across the street from the station is **El Pueblo de Los Angeles (A)(C)(H)**. This two-block area is the oldest and most historic section of the city and has been designated a state historic park, reflecting the heritage of the many ethnic groups who contributed to the city's rich history. Here are some of the many attractions in the park area: The Avila Adobe, a family home built circa 1818, it reflects the Hispanic lifestyle of California in the 1840s; Olvera Street is an historic Mexican marketplace; Old Plaza Firehouse, the city's first firehouse, now displays firefighting memorabilia from the 19th century; and the Sepulveda House features a variety of exhibits of 19th century life, an art gallery, and the Visitors' Center, with a free 18-minute film about the early history of Los Angeles. Docent-guided tours are available and require advanced reservations. Visit the website at www.cityofla.org/elp or call (213) 628-1274.

LOS ANGELES (Continued)

From Union Station, many educational and entertaining venues can be reached by the **L.A. Metro Red Line and Gold Line**. Be sure to call your destination in advance for information about operating hours, admission fees and group reservations. Here are a few suggestions with directions to reach them:

Red Line

Los Angeles Public Library (A)(C)(H)(S) Exit the Pershing Square station (second stop) and walk two blocks on 5th Street to the library. The library features periodic special exhibits and showcases interesting archives. For more information regarding current exhibits, visit www.lapl.org or call the library at **(213) 228-7000**.

Kodak Theater (A)(C)(E)(H) The Hollywood/Highland station is your gateway to the home of the Academy Awards ceremony. The station is conveniently located below this world-famous complex. For more information about guided tours, visit the theatre's website at www.kodaktheater.com or you can call **(323) 308-6379**.

Mann's Chinese Theatre (A)(C)(E)(H) is located adjacent to the Kodak Theater. Complete your journey to Hollywood with a visit to the world's most famous movie theatre, site of many movie premiers since it opened in 1927. Don't miss the footprints, handprints and autographs of legendary Hollywood stars in the cement forecourts. For more information, call **(323) 464-8111**.

Universal City Walk (E) – enjoy a day browsing shops and dining at Universal City Walk located adjacent to the Universal Studios theme park. Exit the Universal City station and walk across the street to take a free shuttle transfer to the entrance of the theme park and the Walk. Shuttle buses will transfer guests up the hill to the entrance to the theme park and Universal City Walk. For more information, call **(818) 622-4455** or visit www.citywalkhollywood.com.

The **Los Angeles Music Center(A)(C)(E)(H)**, which includes **Walt Disney Auditorium, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theatre** and the **Mark Taper Forum**, is located two blocks east of the Civic Center/Tom Bradley station. The Center, also called the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles, lives up to its name by offering music and theatrical presentations throughout the year. The Center is the home of The Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and the Los Angeles Opera. For a schedule of events, guided tours, tickets and other information, you can call **(213) 972-7211** or you can visit their website at www.musiccenter.org.

Gold Line

Southwest Museum (A)(C)(H) contains some of the finest examples of Native American art and artifacts in the United States. It also has extensive holdings of Pre-Hispanic, Spanish Colonial, Latino and Western American art and artifacts. The Southwest Museum station is about a ten-minute ride from Union Station. About 150 feet from the station is an elevator that will take you to the museum. For more information, visit www.southwestmuseum.org or call **(323) 221-2164**.

You may purchase your tickets from ticket machines prior to boarding the Red or Gold lines. Call **L.A. Metro** at **(213) 626-4455** or visit www.mta.net for fares and additional information.

There are many other locations accessible by **Metrolink**, and **DASH** – the downtown area shuttle bus system. Both services stop at Los Angeles Union Station. For schedules and other information, call **Metrolink** at **(213) 347-2800** or **DASH** at **(213) 808-2273**.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, contact the **Los Angeles Convention and Visitor Bureau** at **(213) 624-7300** or visit www.lacvb.com.

OCEANSIDE (A)(C)(H)

The Oceanside Amtrak station is staffed and is located at 235 S. Tremont Avenue.

The **California Surf Museum (C)(H)** is within walking distance of the station. It features a collection of surfing memorabilia, antique surfboards, and historic photographs of the surfing culture in California. Admission is free and advance reservations are not required. Walk 1 block north on Cleveland and cross to Mission Avenue, then walk 1½ blocks east to Coast Highway (west side), then cross and walk 1 block north. The museum is not open every day and interested parties should call **(760) 721-6876** for current operating hours and more information.

The **Oceanside Museum of Art (A)** features collections of fine art and sculpture. Touring art exhibits are also featured. There may be an admission fee. Guided tours are available with

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advanced reservations. The museum is within walking distance of the station -- walk 1 block north on Cleveland and cross to Mission Avenue, then walk 1½ blocks east to Coast Highway, cross and walk 1 block north, cross to the north side of Civic Center Drive, and walk 2 blocks east. Call (760) 721-2787 for more information.

For more information about other attractions and special events, call the Chamber of Commerce at (760) 722-1534 or visit www.oceansidechamber.com.

OXNARD (A)(S)

The **Oxnard** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 201 E. 4th Street.

The **Carnegie Art Museum (A)**, about 3 blocks from the station at 424 South C Street, features national and regional fine art and photo exhibits plus interactive displays. There is an admission fee and advanced reservations are required for groups. The museum has tailored their programs to fit the time allotted for Kids N' Trains groups. For more information call (805) 385-8171 or visit their website at www.vcnet.com/carnart.

The **Gull Wings Children's Museum (S)** is across the street from the Carnegie Art Museum at 418 W. 4th Street. Inside the museum are 20 hands-on, educational, and fun exhibits and art centers for kids 1 to 12 years. There is an admission fee and advanced reservations are required for groups. Visit www.gullwingsmuseum4kids.org or call (805) 483-3005 for more information.

The area is served by **South Coast Area Transit (SCAT)**, which may provide field trip transportation from the station. Call them at (805) 643-3158 for more information.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the city, call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (805) 385-7545 or visit their website at www.oxnardtourism.com.

SAN DIEGO (A)(E)(H)

The San Diego Amtrak station is a staffed station located in the historic Santa Fe depot at 1050 Kettner Boulevard. It is served by the **Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)** trolleys and buses with frequent and extensive service. MTS offers low-cost group fares through their **Classroom Day Tripper Pass**. It's a low cost way for your school or youth group to extend their field trip beyond the train station. Each youth and adult chaperone can have unlimited rides aboard any of the more than 90 bus and trolley routes for one low price. There are some limitations. Call MTS at (619) 233-9558 for information or to book Classroom Day Tripper Passes, or visit their website at www.sdcommute.com/service/daytripper.htm.

NOTE> MTS is an independent operator and does not act as agent on behalf of Amtrak or Caltrans. Groups participating in the Amtrak California Kids N' Trains Program are not required to arrange their trips through MTS.

San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art (A)(E) features a highly acclaimed and varied schedule of bold, thought-provoking exhibitions, lectures and performances. The museum is located across the street from the station at America Plaza. Docent-guided tours are available and admission is free if advanced reservations are made through the museum's education department at (858) 454-3541. The museum is closed Wednesdays. For more information call (619) 234-1001 or visit their website at www.mcasd.org.

Coronado Bay Ferry and Harbor Tours (E)(H) provide an opportunity to see much of the San Diego Bay and all the activity taking place on the water. Whale watching tours are available seasonally. There is a fee charged for the ferry and tours. Advanced reservations are required for groups. The dock is located 2 blocks west of the station on Broadway near Harbor Drive. Visit their website at www.sdhe.com/excursions.html or call (619) 234-4111 for more information.

SAN DIEGO (Continued)

Located nearby is the **San Diego Maritime Museum and Star of India (E)(H)**. Visitors can board three different ships for one admission fee – a tall (sailing) ship, a steam yacht, and a steam ferryboat which houses the museum. Docent-guided tours are available and advanced reservations are required. Call **(619) 234-9153, extension 120** or visit **www.sdmartitime.com**.

Experience Midway Magic aboard the nation's newest naval aviation museum, the **U.S.S. Midway**. It is located just a few blocks from the Maritime Museum at the Navy Pier (N. 910 Harbor Drive). The Midway provides a dynamic and enriching experience as guests take a look back at the history of America's longest serving aircraft carrier. Visit the hangar deck and flight desk (both are handicap accessible) and other areas aboard the Midway, and see more than 35 exhibits, including more than 15 restored aircraft. Open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is an admission fee and group rates are available for groups of 20 or more with advanced reservations. For more information, visit **www.midway.org** or call **(619) 544-9600**.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (H) features historic buildings of the original settlement of San Diego in an authentic setting. It is easily reached by taking the Blue Line Trolley marked "Old Town" Admission is free and there are no advanced reservations required. For more information call **(619) 220-5422** or visit **www.gothere.com/sandiego/oldtown** Special programs may be available for groups. Call **(619) 469-3174** for details.

A variety of educational venues can be reached by a short ride on MTS buses, including the **San Diego Zoo** and **Balboa Park**. The Park features more than a dozen museums, featuring transportation, natural history, science and art.

Zoo: (858) 675-7900 or visit **www.sandiegozoo.org**

Balboa Park Visitors Center: (619) 239-0512 or visit **www.balboapark.org**.

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO (C)(H)

The **San Juan Capistrano** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 26701 Verdugo Street.

San Juan Capistrano Mission (C)(H) is located two blocks from the station. Educational programs are available and there is an admission fee. For more information visit **www.missionsjc.com** or call **(949) 234-1300**.

For information about other attractions and special events, call the Chamber of Commerce at **(949) 493-4700** or visit their website at **www.sanjuanchamber.com**.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

The **San Luis Obispo** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 1011 Railroad Avenue (at Santa Rosa Street).

SANTA ANA

The **Santa Ana** Amtrak station is fully staffed and is located at 1000 Santa Ana Boulevard.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the Chamber of Commerce at **(714) 541-5353** or visit their website at **www.santaanacc.com**.

SANTA BARBARA (S)

The **Santa Barbara** Amtrak station is located at 209 State Street. It is a fully staffed station with a nearby stop for the city public transit (**MTD**). Call MTD (Metropolitan Transit District) for information about group rates and transportation arrangements at **(805) 963-3364** or visit **www.sbmtd.gov**.

For information about attractions and special events in the city, call the Convention and Visitors Bureau at **(800) 676-1266** or visit their website at **www.santabarbaraca.com**.

SOLANA BEACH (A)

The **Solana Beach** Amtrak station is a staffed station located at 105 Cedros Avenue at Lomas Santa Fe.

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The **Solana Beach Cedros Design District (A)** offers an opportunity for a self-guided tour of an art and design colony consisting of shops, galleries and restaurants. It is one block south of the station on Cedros Avenue. There is no admission fee and no reservations are required.

Fletcher Cove features a sandy beach and a picnic area in a small cove. It is located four blocks west of the station on the ocean.

For more information about other attractions and special events in the area, contact the Visitor Information Center at **(858) 350-6006** or visit **www.solanabeachchamber.com**.

SURF/LOMPOC

The **Surf/Lompoc** Amtrak station is unstaffed and located at the end of Ocean Avenue at Surf Beach. There are no ticket sales; the nearest station offering these services is in San Luis Obispo.

VENTURA (A)(H)

The **Ventura** Amtrak stop, located at Harbor and Figueroa streets adjacent to the Ventura County Fairgrounds, is an unstaffed station. There are no ticket sales -- the nearest station offering these services is in Oxnard. There are several educational venues within a block or two of each other, and they are all located about 4 blocks from the station. Three of them are:

The **Ventura County Museum of History and Art (A)(H)**, at 100 E. Main Street, offers a variety of exhibits and docent-lead programs throughout the year. There is an admission fee and you must call for a tour registration form. Call **(805) 653-0323, extension 14**, or visit their website at **www.vcmha.org** and click on "Education."

Across the street at 113 E. Main is the **Albinger Archeological Museum (H)**. The museum features historical artifacts recovered from the museum site -- some more than 2,000 years old and some more recent -- all representative of area history. Admission is free, but group reservations are required in advance. Call **(805) 653-0323 ext. 14** (Arranged through the Ventura County Museum of History and Art).

A short distance away on the same side of Main Street is the **Mission San Buenaventura (H)**. This is the last mission built by Father Junipero Serra and is representative of the California adobe missions. An admission donation is requested and group reservations are required. **(805) 643-4318**

The area is served by **South Coast Area Transit (SCAT)**, which may provide field trip transportation from the station. Call them at **(805) 643-3158** for more information.

For information about other attractions and special events in the city, call the Visitor and Convention Bureau at **(805) 684-5479** or visit their website at **www.ventura-usa.com**.